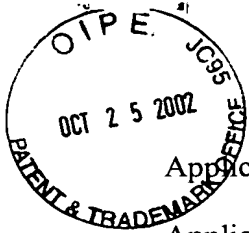


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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 1.7(h), Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to one (1) reference listed on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed reference is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review this reference and make it of record in the present application by completing and returning the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission, since it is being made before an initial Office Action on the merits. Should a fee be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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